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THE G. [GNOM] AFFAIR: MENTION OF ANTON, GLITsERIN, MAYO, ACTION REQUIRED IN CASE OF PEDRO AND MIJE (1944)

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[2-part message complete]

[PART I] To PETROV[i].

1. Yesterday ANTON's[ii] meeting with GLITsERIN[iii] took place: the latter made a favourable impression,

[58 groups unrecoverable]

workshop. This fact itself is not yet

[22 groups unrecovered]

[48 groups unrecoverable]

in future.

b) In the HOSPITAL [GOSPITAL'][iv]

[10 groups unrecovered]

D'Ya...[v]

[57 groups unrecoverable]

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- GLITTERIN

[39 groups unrecovered]

work out this question in conversation with G...[vi]

[27 groups unrecoverable]

me that on the subject of the G.[vii] affair he[viii] talked only with ANTON and talked [5 groups unrecovered] that PEDRO[ix] said [3 groups unrecovered] MAYO[MAJO][x] - press photographer

[16 groups unrecovered]

[27 groups unrecoverable]

[PART II] 4. The situation around [B% PEDRO] has become [B% extremely] heated. [2 groups unrecovered] MIJE[xi] completely [2 groups unrecovered] from lack of coordination on

[51 groups unrecoverable]

I will find a means

[15 groups unrecovered]

organization and

[53 groups unrecoverable]

decided for the moment not to speak to him regarding his talkativeness about the G. affair. MIJE and PEDRO are too petty and are ambitious careerists. They may go to great lengths in their struggle. Proceeding from the fact that the G. project must be carried out no matter what the difficulties and wishing to forestall unnecessary danger coming from that quarter, I consider it essential for the CENTRE[TeNTR][xii] to intervene rapidly in the PEDRO affair. *politician*

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[Signature unrecoverable]

Footnotes: [i] PETROV: Lavrentij Pavlovich BERIYa.

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Footnotes:

(Cont'd) [ii] ANTON:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY Nos 110, 114, 124 of 20, 22, 25 February 1944 (3/NBF/T697.1, T542, T696), 188 of 2 April 1944 (T976), 584, 622 of 6, 28 October 1944 (T538, T677), 653 of 15 November 1944 (T539), 695 of 3 December 1944 (T956), 174, 188 of 9, 13 March 1945 (T634, unpublished), 359 of 2 June 1945 (T628) and 472 of 4 August 1945 (T948); and in MEXICO CITY's Nos 174 of 29 December 1943 (unpublished), 071 of 28 January 1944 (unpublished), 193 of 14 March 1944 (T770), 261 of 16 April 1944 (T868), 472, 474, 554 of 5, 6, 29 June 1944 (T685, T686, T396) and 932 of 6 December 1944 (T993); and in SAN FRANCISCO's No 321 of 19 August 1944 (T844).

[iii] GLITsERIN:

is "GLYCERINE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No 237 of 20 April 1944 (3/NBF/T951); and in MEXICO CITY's Nos 174 of 29 December 1943 (unpublished), 55 of 15 January 1944 (unpublished), 281 of 21 April 1944 (T730) and 474 of 6 June 1944 (T686).

[iv] HOSPITAL:

Prison.

[v] D'Ya....:

Possibly the beginning of a name (eg D'YaKONOV, D'YaKOV).

[vi] G....:

Probably "GLITsERIN" (Footnote [iii]).

[vii] G.:

Almost certainly "GNOM", is "GNOME": Jaime Ramon MERCADER.

[viii] Or "they".

[ix] PEDRO:

Jesus HERNANDEZ Tomas.

[x] MAYO:

Unidentified.

[xi] MIJE:

Antonio MIJE Garcia.

[xii] CENTRE:

NKGB HQ, MOSCOW.

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